

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Kenneth Hicks et al

Entitled: WATER HEATER HEAT TRAP APPARATUS

Filed: Herewith

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

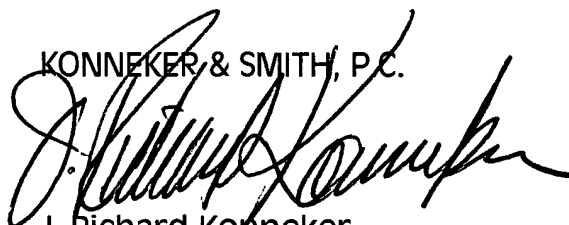
Concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application, and as listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449, the applicants submit herewith copies of the following U.S. patents of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to patentability, and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

2,322,631	3,115,155	4,009,366	4,083,583
4,756,982	4,579,104	4,930,551	4,964,394
5,009,391	5,117,871	5,183,029	5,176,652
5,277,171	5,577,491	5,899,218	6,089,260
6,164,333	6,269,780	6,302,063	6,370,328
6,532,906	6,547,106	2,912,999	

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. Further, the filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Written notification that the enclosed patents have been considered in their entirety by return of a copy of the enclosed form, completed by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

KONNEKER & SMITH, P.C.



J. Richard Konneker  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 28,867

Dated: JULY 2, 2003

660 N. Central Expwy. - Suite 230  
Plano, Texas 75074  
972/516-0030

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL": Express Mail Mailing Label No.: EV 341130785 US

Date of Deposit July 2, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

DIANE SUTTON  
Type or Print Name  
Diane Sutton

FORM PTO-1449 (Modified) <b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)					ATTY. DOCKET NO. <b>RHWH-0106</b>		SERIAL NO. <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
					APPLICANTS: <b>KENNETH HICKS et al</b>			
					FILING DATE <b>HEREWITH</b>		GROUP <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (if relevant)		
AA	5,176,652	1/1993	LITRELL	604	167			
AB	5,183,029	2/1993	RANGER	126	362			
AC	5,271,171	1/1994	LANNES	126	362			
AD	5,577,491	11/1996	LEWIS	126	362			
AE	5,899,218	5/1999	DUGAN	137	1			
AF	6,089,260	7/2000	JAWORSKI et al	137	512			
AG	6,164,333	12/2000	MURPHY et al	137	855			
AH	6,269,780	8/2001	HUGHES	122	14.3			
AI	6,302,063	16/2001	SCHIMMEYER	122	14.3			
AJ	6,370,328	4/2002	MOTTERSHEAD	392	452			
AK	6,532,906	3/2003	KNOEPPEL et al	122	14.3			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION		
						YES	NO	
AL								
AM								
AN								
AO								
AP								
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
AR								
AS								
AT								
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED				
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.								

FORM PTO-1449 (Modified) <b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)					ATTY. DOCKET NO. <b>RHWH-0106</b> SERIAL NO. <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
					APPLICANTS: <b>KENNETH HICKS et al</b>	
					FILING DATE <b>HEREWITH</b> GROUP <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (if relevant)
AA	2,322,631	6/1943	GROENIGER	277	70	
AB	2,912,999	11/1959	KERSH	137	512.4	
AC	3,115,155	12/1963	CLARK	137	512.3	
AD	4,009,366	2/1977	DANELL	219	208	
AE	4,083,583	4/1978	VOLG STADT et al	285	55	
AF	4,579,104	4/1986	SNAVELY	126	362	
AG	4,756,982	1/1988	MCCARTNEY, JR.	429	54	
AH	4,930,551	6/1990	HAWS	137	337	
AI	4,964,399	10/1990	THREATT	126	361	
AJ	5,001,391	4/1991	STEIGERWALD	251	149.1	
AK	5,117,871	6/1992	GARDNER et al	137	855	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
AL						
AM						
AN						
AO						
AP						
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
AR						
AS						
AT						
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED		
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.						

c:\patent\xp1449

FORM PTO-1449 (Modified) <b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)					ATTY. DOCKET NO. <b>RHHH-0106</b>		SERIAL NO. <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
					APPLICANTS: <b>KENNETH HICKS et al</b>			
					FILING DATE <b>HEREWITH</b>		GROUP <b>UNASSIGNED</b>	
<b>U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (if relevant)	
	AA	<b>6,547,106</b>	<b>4/2003</b>	<b>BONNINGUE</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>213</b>		
	AB							
	AC							
	AD							
	AE							
	AF							
	AG							
	AH							
	AI							
	AJ							
	AK							
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							
<b>OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>								
	AR							
	AS							
	AT							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED			
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.								

c:\patent\xp1449